

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A hardenable termite-controlling composition which comprises a hydraulic material, a termiticide and a soil, and is in the form of a dust-granule mixture, wherein the soil comprises a gravel component and/or a crushed inorganic waste, and the gravel component and the crushed inorganic waste have a particle size of 2 to 5 mm, and wherein the termiticide comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a pyrethroid-series compound, a neonicotinoid-series compound, a phenylpirazole-series compound and a boric acid.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The hardenable termite-controlling composition according to claim 1, which is prepared without mixing water.

5. (Previously presented) The hardenable termite-controlling composition according to claim 1, wherein the soil further comprises a fine grain component, and the weight ratio of the gravel component relative to the fine grain component is 99.9/0.1 to 5/95.

6. (Previously presented) The hardenable termite-controlling composition according to claim 5, wherein the fine grain component comprises a sand component and a dirt component, and the weight ratio of the sand component relative to the dirt component is 99/1 to 10/90.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) The hardenable termite-controlling composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the soil relative to the hydraulic material is 95/5 to 70/30.

9. (Previously presented) A process for controlling a termite, which comprises a step (A) of laying the hardenable termite-controlling composition recited in claim 1 on an area to be treated.

10. (Previously presented) The termite-controlling process according to claim 9, comprising the step (A) of laying the hardenable termite-controlling composition on the area to be treated, and a step (B) of applying water to the laid hardenable termite-controlling composition.

11. (Previously presented) The termite-controlling process according to claim 10, wherein the step (B) comprises a step (B₁) of applying a liquid containing water to the laid hardenable termite-controlling composition, or a step (B₂) of laying a concrete or a soil containing water on the laid hardenable termite-controlling composition.

12. (Previously presented) The termite-controlling process according to claim 11, wherein the liquid applied in the step (B₁) contains a termiticide.

13. (Previously presented) The process for controlling a termite, which comprises a step (C) of mixing a hardenable termite-controlling composition recited in claim 1 with water, and a step (D) of laying the mixture on an area to be treated.

14. (Previously presented) The termite-controlling process according to claim 13, wherein the hardenable termite-controlling composition, the water and a termiticide are mixed in the step (C).

15. (Previously presented) The termite-controlling process according to claim 9, wherein the area to be treated comprises at least one area selected from the group consisting of an infested area, an inhabited area and a breeding area of termites.

16. (Previously presented) The termite-controlling process according to claim 13, wherein the area to be treated comprises at least one area selected from the group consisting of an infested area, an inhabited area and a breeding area of termites.

17. (Previously presented) The hardenable termite-controlling composition according to claim 1, wherein the gravel component and the crushed inorganic waste have a particle size of 2 to 3.5 mm.

18. (Previously presented) The hardenable termite-controlling composition according to claim 1, further comprising a fine-grained component, wherein the fine grain component comprises a sand component having a particle size of 0.2 to 2 mm.

19. (Previously presented) The hardenable termite-controlling composition according to claim 1, wherein the termiticide is in a formulation of a microcapsule.